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LOUISVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ORDERING, RECEIVING, AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Man used computers at Louisville Free Public Library to order, receive, view, and print images of young boys (ages approximately 5 - 17) engaging in masturbation, oral, and anal sex

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on January 16, 2007, **MICHAEL DAVIS**, 49, of 516 Belgravia Court, 2nd Floor, Louisville, Kentucky 40208, pled guilty to one count each of receiving and possessing child pornography. **Davis** entered his pleas of guilty before United States District Judge Charles R. Simpson III, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Davis faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years' imprisonment. He faces potential penalties of 30 years' imprisonment, a \$500,000.00 fine, and supervised release for a period of any term of years up to and including life. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

According to the Plea Agreement filed in the case, **Davis** admitted that he operated under the e:mail address: micedeez@yahoo.com. On November 30, 2005, a Postal Inspector in the Cleveland, Ohio, Field Office, in an undercover capacity, posted a group on a web site, Yahoo! Groups. The description of the group indicated that it involved lovers of young little boys and contained information about obtaining materials involving that subject.

Facts From the Public Record

In December 2005, the Postal Inspector received a message from Yahoo! Groups Notification that his approval was needed for a requested membership for a person using Email address: micedeez@yahoo.com On December 8, 2005, the Postal Inspector received a message from Yahoo!Groups Notification stating that micedeez@yahoo.com, or Defendant Davis, had joined the group. The Postal Inspector received a message from micedeez@yahoo.com stating, "would love to see them [movies]! thanks, mique"

The Postal Inspector responded to the e:mail and included more information about the movies. The next day, micedeez@yahoo.com sent a message to the Postal Inspector asking, "how much to buy them? I don't have anything like this in my collection and am just "juicin-up" thinking bout it!" The Postal Inspector replied and stated the price for each DVD and gave written descriptions of the materials. Micedeez@yahoo.com replied, "I would like #4& 5. I dig mostly boi on boi. Let me know where I can order thes. Mique" The descriptions for DVDs 4 and 5 included information about sexual activity between boys ages 11 - 14.

On December 13, 2005, the Postal Inspector sent a message to micedeez@yahoo.com and gave a mailing address for Davis to order the DVDs. The e:mail restated that the children in the DVDs were real - not actors; micedeez@yahoo.com responded that he would send a money order. On December 17, 2005, an envelope addressed to the Postal Inspector arrived with a return address:

M. Davis, 516 Belgravia Ct., 2nd Floor – rear, Lou, KY 40208. The envelope contained a money order in the amount of \$20.00 purchased from CVS Pharmacy.

The Postal Inspector and micedeez@yahoo.com continued on-line communications. **Davis** sent an e:mail to the undercover agent again asking about the DVDs. During the communication,

Davis stated that he was at the Library and would go home to pick up the mail in a few hours where law enforcement was conducting surveillance of his residence while this communication occurred. A controlled delivery of an Express Mail Package containing two DVD/CDs with the titles "Video #4" and "Video #5." A United States Postal Inspector posing as a U.S. Postal Service Letter Carrier made the controlled delivery to 516 Belgravia Ct., 2nd Floor, Louisville, KY 40208. The package was kept under surveillance until received at the residence. A Postal Inspector presented the package to **Davis** and he signed for it. Approximately one minute later, federal, state, and local law enforcement officials executed a previously approved federal search warrant, knocked on his door and informed **Davis** of the search warrant. After being advised of his constitutional rights, **Davis** admitted that he had ordered and paid for the delivered DVDs containing child pornography of boys aged 11-14.

Police seized child pornography DVDs and also seized four photo albums filled with images of child pornography, specifically minor male children (ranging in age from 5 up to the age of majority), including pornographic images of adult males engaging in sexual acts with other males, including children. The images in the photo albums showed acts of masturbation, oral sex, anal sex, and lewd and lascivious displays of genitals. The law enforcement officials did not locate a computer at the residence because **Davis** had used computers at the Louisville Free Public Library.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The United States Postal Inspection Service in conjunction with the Louisville Metro Police Department and Kentucky State Police conducted the investigation.

Judge Simpson scheduled **Davis'** sentencing hearing for April 16, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky. **Davis** remains in the custody of the United States Marshal Service.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney

General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to

protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices,

Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and

prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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